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NEAR VIDEO ON DEMAND)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action, dated March 27, 2001, the Advisory Action, dated June 27, 2001, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 10, 17, 20, and 21 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A master scheduler arranged to control a near-video-on-demand (NVOD) system, the master scheduler comprising: